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Library of Michigan Loses a Family Member

Carole Callard passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Carole played a significant role in the Library of Michigan's growth and development as one of the leading family history libraries in the country. The library and genealogy communities have lost a great friend.

Carole died peacefully at Sparrow Hospital in the presence of her daughters Susan Lynne Philp and Annie Laurie Cottongim. Carole is survived by her two daughters and sister, Rosemary Marquart of Hilton Head, South Carolina. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lansing. Many friends and colleagues gathered to pay their last respects and share memories about her. Carole touched so many lives during her long and distinguished career.



Carole was born Aug. 8, 1941 in Charleston, West Virginia, to Helen Loretta Shay and William Orville Crawford. She graduated from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) and obtained a library degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She later received a second master's degree in Social Foundations from Eastern Michigan University.

She was a well-known and respected librarian and genealogist for many years before retiring from the Library of Michigan. Her library career took her all over the world. She held positions in West Virginia; Ithaca, New York; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at the Haile Sellassie University; Ann Arbor; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Washington, D.C.; and Lansing. Genealogy started out as a hobby for Carole, but quickly became a life-long passion. She served as a supervisor at the Library of Michigan for eleven years overseeing the genealogy and government documents collections. Carole took an early retirement from the Library of Michigan and proceeded to work as a government documents inspector for the United States Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. and as a genealogy reference librarian at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. In 1997 she returned to the Library of Michigan and began to work as the library's Genealogy Specialist. In recent years, Carole had the opportunity to share her wisdom with new librarians by teaching a genealogy class in Wayne State University's Library and Information Services program for two terms.

Carole was an active member of many local, state and national genealogy and library societies and organizations. Her memberships included: the National Genealogical Society, American Library Association, Michigan Library Association, Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She held leadership positions in the Washtenaw County Genealogical Society, Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society and Ingham County Genealogical Society. Carole's honors and awards included the Wayne State Distinguished Service Award, the P. William Filby Award and the Paul Thurston Government Documents Award.

However, Carole's career should not be judged by where she worked, how many organizations and societies she belonged to or the number of awards and honors she received, but by how her commitment to service and excellence directly impacted so many family historians that she worked with on a daily basis. Her love of genealogy was only overshadowed by her love of family and friends. Any researcher who had the pleasure to attend one of Carole's presentations or to be assisted by her at the reference desk will remember her easy laugh and keen sense of humor. They will also remember her extensive knowledge of genealogy methodology and her dedication to her profession. We are all better people for having known her.

Carole's daughters have requested that those wishing to make a donation in Carole's memory may send a gift to the Library of Michigan Foundation's Carole Callard Fund, in support of the genealogy collection. Gifts should be directed to:

Library of Michigan Foundation
Carole Callard Fund
P.O. Box 30159
Lansing, MI 48909

Condolences to Susan Philp and Annie Cottongim may be sent to:

804 Shady Lane
Tecumseh, MI 49286

Upcoming Events at the Library of Michigan

Free Seminar April 1 Focuses on Online Genealogy Research

On Saturday afternoon, April 1, the Library of Michigan will offer a free genealogy seminar, with the schedule of programs devoted entirely to Internet research and online resources. Aimed at demonstrating the wealth of genealogical data available with only a few keystrokes and mouse clicks, this seminar has something to offer every family history researcher. All of the hour-long programs are free and will be presented by Library of Michigan staff. Space is limited, so we encourage everyone to register early for this afternoon of online enlightenment!

Programs include Vital Records Research on the Internet, Ancestry Library Edition, New York Passenger Arrivals, The Databases of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and many more. A seminar schedule, as well as the registration form, can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635-109001--,00.html.

Questions? Please contact the Library of Michigan's Special Collections Services by e-mail at librarian@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300. We look forward to seeing everyone here on April 1!

New Format for Abrams Genealogy Series

With the calendar turned over to January, many researchers may already be looking for the programs that will be offered as part of this year's Abrams Genealogy Series. However, this year the Library of Michigan is consolidating the series from six programs spread throughout the year into one weekend bonanza of programs in July. The quality and excellence of the Abrams programs will remain the same, but this new format will give researchers a number of interesting topics to choose from and make the trip to the Library of Michigan even more rewarding and worthwhile.

Plans are already underway for this new Library of Michigan venture. Stay tuned, as more information about this exciting Abrams Genealogy seminar will be available soon!

What's New at the Library of Michigan?

Following are some examples of important new titles added to the Library of Michigan's collection since we published the last newsletter.

- *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1903-1945*. This is the manifest of records for the Port of New Orleans; there is also an index to these records on microfilm.
- *Index to Naturalization Petitions, 1792-1906*. An alphabetical index to federal, state, and local court naturalization petitions for the City of New York.
- *Records of the House of Representatives, Southern Claims Commission, 1871-1880*. Useful for locating African American ancestors after the Civil War, this is a consolidated index of claims reported by the Commissioners of Claims to the House of Representatives from 1871 to 1880.
- *Marriage Registrations*. Ontario marriage records from 1915 until 1922. We already have records for marriages from 1869 to 1914 in our collection.

Access to ANSWER, our online catalog, is available on the Internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan>. You can search for items that have been added to our collection in the previous month by clicking on the "New Titles" button at the bottom of the menu page.

Library of Michigan Foundation Creates Legacy Society

Last year the Library of Michigan Foundation received a generous bequest in support of the Library of Michigan's Abrams Genealogy

Collection. A patron who had used the collection for many years made the gift, and it came as a complete surprise to us. We were so pleased and grateful, but we regretted not having known about the bequest in advance.

Knowing about these wonderful planned gifts in advance has so many benefits for the donor and for the Library of Michigan:

It allows us to express our appreciation and thanks to the donor.

It allows us to ask the donor for permission to recognize their generosity privately in our annual report – or publicly to the local news media – and if the donor prefers that we acknowledge the gift now, while they are alive, or after they have passed away.

It allows us to talk with donors in order to learn what is most special and important to them about the Library of Michigan and to continue our relationship with them.

For that reason, the Library of Michigan Foundation board of trustees has created "The Legacy Society, Library of Michigan Foundation." With this society, we want to recognize all of those individuals who have made a provision for the foundation in their will or trust.

Planned giving is an important part of ensuring the Library of Michigan's excellence for generations to come. Please let us know if you have made a provision in your estate for the Library of Michigan Foundation by returning the following form to the address below. Or, if you prefer, you may contact Library of Michigan Foundation Executive Director Judith Moore directly at (517) 373-4470.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY, LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

- ___ I have included the Library of Michigan Foundation in my estate plans and would like to be recognized as a charter member of The Legacy Society, Library of Michigan Foundation.
- ___ I would like to leave my genealogical collection or books to the Library of Michigan.
- ___ Please contact me with more information about how to make a planned gift that will benefit the Library of Michigan.

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Telephone

E-mail

Please return to:

Judith Moore, Executive Director
Library of Michigan Foundation
P.O. Box 30159
Lansing, MI 48909

Family History Month Continues to Celebrate Genealogy

Throughout the month of October 2005, the Library of Michigan celebrated Family History Month with special events and genealogy programs. With special events like Civil War Sunday, the Michigan Genealogical Council conference, and the Lansing Area African American Genealogy seminar, we saw a number of familiar faces and lots of new ones.

Family History Month represents a unique opportunity to introduce new researchers to the joys of family history, or perhaps inspire genealogists to start up their research again. More importantly, it also gives the Library of Michigan the chance to thank the genealogical community for its continued support throughout the past year.

Plans are already underway for Family History Month in October 2006. Watch for more information as we plan another exciting October for you!

Art of the Family: Call to Artists and Genealogists

Just how funky, beautiful, or classic is your family? Not the people, but your rendition of your family's history. The Library of Michigan would like to put the art of your family on display at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. After all, we are the Department of History Arts and Libraries, so there is just no better place to host such a display of family art.

Are we interested in your genealogy pedigree charts and family bibles? Yes, to be sure, and also any physical display of your family history you can imagine, made out of any materials you choose. It could be a walnut trunk with the names of your ancestors carved on the side, or it might be a Plexiglas mobile with your family twirling on different levels. Or maybe Grandma's quilt was created with your family's history in mind.

Entries will be on display during Family History Month, October 2006 at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. All submissions should be received by the Public Services Division of the Library of Michigan prior to Sept. 1, 2006.

Pieces made by Michiganians or about Michigan families will be eligible for the display. Items may take any form, but please include display instructions with the item, along with a self-addressed postal label. Materials will be returned in the same container in which they were received unless otherwise instructed.

Should you have any further questions, please contact:

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702 West Kalamazoo St.
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State Archives Adds New Online Genealogy Resources

The State Archives of Michigan has pledged to be more proactive in making materials available. This has resulted in increased online visibility and accessibility to sources.

The Archives' new military sources Web page (http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18640_18660-126893—,00.html) provides one key example. This page links visitors to military information at both the state and national level. The Michigan Civil War principals and substitutes index is a particular highlight. Each index entry indicates the name of the principal draftee, his paid substitute and the corresponding regiment and company. Both principals and substitutes can be searched by surname. Additional online military indexes will be forthcoming, thanks to support from the Talbert and Leota Abrams Foundation, which has awarded the Archives \$33,100 for this purpose.

More naturalization resources are available as well. Since September 2005, the Archives has added online naturalization indexes for Alpena, Bay, Chippewa, Lake, Lapeer and Mason counties. These can be accessed via the State Archives naturalization Web page at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635_20684—,00.html.

Naturalization records have recently been received for Barry, Clinton, Lenawee and Montmorency counties. No online indexes are yet available for these latter counties, but photocopies can be requested from the State Archives. For further details, see this page: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18640_18660-57424—,00.html

There's also some good news for those seeking portraits of Michigan ancestors. The State Archives has launched an online image collection. Currently, photos of all former Michigan governors and 1,400 Civil War soldiers – along with 211 rare 19th-century cased images – are available at <http://haldigitalcollections.cdmhost.com>.

State Archives can be accessed at the following URL: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19273_19313-82248--,00.html

The State Archives of Michigan will continually strive to offer better service and accessibility to genealogical information. Researchers are always encouraged to visit the State Archives Web site (www.michigan.gov/statearchives) for any updates.

Michigan Cemetery Sources Database

The Michigan Cemetery Sources Database (<http://michigancemeteries.libraryofmichigan.org/>) began as a card file of cemetery location information, created and maintained by the staff of the Library of Michigan. During the 1980s and early 1990s, the information in the card file was used to create the *Michigan Cemetery Atlas* and its companion volume, the *Michigan Cemetery Source Book*. The publication of this information gave researchers two handy tools for locating cemeteries in Michigan, and for locating cemetery transcriptions in the Library of Michigan's collection. Once access to the Worldwide Web became more common, it made sense to reformat the cemetery information once again into the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database, which is now available to anyone anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Essentially, the purposes of the database remain the same as those of the original source book: to help researchers locate cemeteries in Michigan, and to indicate the location of cemetery transcriptions in the Library of Michigan's collection. However, the electronic format allows the library's staff to make quick updates and corrections to the database, rather than having to reprint and sell the books every few years. Additionally, it is now possible to

include links to cemetery transcriptions and burial lists, which have been published on Web sites by individuals and organizations not affiliated with the Library of Michigan. The majority of the work currently being done on the database consists of adding links to outside burial lists, as well as locations of new print sources being added to the library's collection.

Cemeteries and transcriptions in the database can be searched a number of ways, depending on the needs of the researcher – by county or township, or by name, location or keyword. Once a cemetery has been found in the database, the researcher can see its location information and a list of any transcriptions of that cemetery. If there are any Web sites linked to a particular cemetery, the researcher can go directly to those sites. Books and microfilms listed in the database are available at the Library of Michigan, and may be available at other libraries as well.

The most common misconception about the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database is that one can search it for names of individuals. While such a database would be an amazing help to researchers, a project that requires compiling into one database all of the information contained in thousands of books, microfilms and Web sites is beyond the scope of what the Library of Michigan staff can do. The purposes of the original card file, source book and database have always been to indicate the locations of Michigan cemeteries, and help researchers find cemetery transcriptions in the Library of Michigan collection.

The Michigan Cemetery Sources Database changes constantly. Besides searching the Web site for cemetery locations and burial lists, researchers can find links to other cemetery-related Web sites by visiting the "Links" page. New additions to this page include a link to Map Michigan, a scalable map showing the names and locations of 3,754 cemeteries in

Michigan; the Irwin I. Cohn Michigan Jewish Cemetery Index, which provides burial information for over 64,000 Jews who died between the mid-1800s and 1999, especially in the metropolitan Detroit area; JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry, which includes cemeteries in Bay City and Traverse City; and the St. Clair County Cemetery Index, which contains over 70,000 names. Links to additional resources will be added as they are found.

The Michigan Cemetery Sources site contains other pages that can be helpful to researchers. Search Tips explains the fine points of searching the database and can save researchers time and frustration. Burial Transcriptions gives researchers information about sources of transcriptions, as well as how to find copies of them. Both of these pages are important background reading for researchers new to the database. The Help page is arranged in a question/answer format, and is also a valuable resource to researchers having difficulties with the database. Finally, researchers can always use the information on the Contact Us page to get help with unresolved search problems, to report corrections, etc.

We encourage you to take advantage of the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database, a free resource and a valuable tool for researchers trying to locate cemeteries in Michigan and transcriptions of them.

Genealogy Databases Available at Libraries Statewide

Many of you have visited the Library of Michigan to work on your genealogy and have used the special databases available here. You may not know that the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) offers access to Ancestry Library Edition and Biography and Genealogy Master Index to all libraries in the state. No matter where you live in Michigan, if you can visit a library, you will be able to use these resources.

Some of the major databases in Ancestry Library Edition are federal decennial census indexes and images from 1790 through 1930, Social Security Death Index, passenger lists indexes and images from all major U.S. ports, naturalization records from 1700 to 1900, and immigration records for more than 100 countries. Some Michigan-specific databases available are Michigan Deaths, 1971-1996; Michigan Marriages to 1850; and Michigan Marriages, 1851-1875. Each database has a description of the information included.

If you have been thinking about starting your genealogy but haven't had the time, you can begin at a library near you. You may wish you had visited your library sooner.



Facts About the Library of Michigan's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection

The Library of Michigan's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection is one of the 10 largest genealogy collections in the United States, with more than 100,000 books, microforms and electronic resources to serve researchers. Supported by the Talbert and Leota Abrams Foundation, the collection's holdings emphasize the Great Lakes region and states east of the Mississippi River.

For assistance during your visit, please ask the librarian at the genealogy desk on the south side of the second floor.

Census Records

Census records for the entire United States from 1790 to 1930 are available. Printed indices for Michigan to 1870, as well as for other states, are shelved alphabetically by state on the shelves east of the genealogy desk.

Microfilmed indices for later census years are shelved in the Genealogy Microfilm Room at the west end of the floor. Patrons may access the library's online 1870 Michigan Census Index (http://envoy.libofmich.lib.mi.us/1870_census/) to view and download census images.

The library also offers all the census records and select indices for Canada.

Electronic Resources

The Electronic Resources area behind the genealogy desk provides access to several databases, including:

- ANSWER (<http://35.9.2.51/search~S37>), the Library of Michigan's online catalog
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Ellis Island Records
- Family Search
- HeritageQuest Online
- New England Historic Genealogical Society's databases

Print Resources

The genealogy stacks include national and international materials, such as:

- Cemetery transcriptions
- County and family histories
- Genealogy how-to guides
- Land records
- Maps and atlases
- Military service lists
- Periodicals, such as society newsletters
- Vital records

Service records of Michigan's Civil War volunteers, a passenger and immigrant lists index and other popular items are shelved on the tables in the Electronic Resources area.

Michigan genealogy materials are shelved with the Michigan Collection, on the north side of the second floor. The library collects current and historical materials related to Michigan, ranging from local government publications to history and biography, business and industry to literature and folklore.

State government publications, such as *Michigan History* magazine, are shelved in the Michigan Documents Collection. Historic city directories (http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18895_20699-117864—,00.html) are available for many Michigan cities. Some directories for cities in Michigan and other states may be used on microform.

Genealogy Microfilm Room

Microfilm, which is on rolls, is organized on shelves in the middle and back of this room.

Holdings include:

- City directories
- Michigan vital records (http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18895_20699-51001—,00.html)
- Military records indices
- Ontario vital records
- Passenger lists and indices
- Sanborn Fire Insurance maps
- U.S. and Canadian census records

Microfiche is flat and is filed in the drawers at the front of the room. Popular microfiche items include:

- Civil War unit histories
- Genealogy and Local History Collection, which includes out-of-print family and local histories, periodicals and public records from University Microfilms Incorporated (UMI)
- Michigan Pioneer Records Index

Newspaper Microfilm Room

Dating to the early 1800s, the Michigan newspapers collection provides a wealth of primary documents, making it indispensable to researchers, genealogists and historians.

The newspaper microfilm is shelved alphabetically by city of publication and then by title. The library also carries national publications, including the *New York Times* from 1857 to today.

Tips for Using These Resources

Before your visit, you may wish to search ANSWER (<http://35.9.2.51/search~S37>), the library's online catalog. ANSWER can help you identify materials of interest at the Library of Michigan.

When others are waiting to use the microform machines, please limit your time to one hour on the readers and 10 minutes on the reader/printers. Rewind your film when you are finished and leave it on one of the carts stationed throughout the microform rooms. If you need help, please ask a staff member.

Printing for the microform printers, photocopiers and computer printers is 20 cents a page. You will need to purchase a copy card from one of the card dispensers near the copy machines. The dispensers only take paper bills.

Fragile or oversized materials cannot be copied.

Library staff members reshelve all materials. Please put books and microfilm on the carts and place microfiche in baskets.

A snack shop and vending machines are available on the first floor of the Michigan Library and Historical Center. The snack shop is open Monday-Friday mornings and afternoons. The vending machines are accessible all hours the library is open. You may bring your own food and drink to eat in the snack shop seating area. No food or drink is allowed in the library.

For directions and parking information, please see "Visit the Library of Michigan" at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270-87042—,00.html.

For more information on Library hours please see "Library of Michigan Hours" at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270_19294-86719—,00.html.

For more information, see "Abrams Foundation Historical Collection: Frequently Asked Questions" at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18895_20699-50176—,00.html.

Please ask for assistance. The Library of Michigan's staff is here to help you!

Vital Records Available Online

It often seems like there's a shortage of free genealogical records on the Internet. But some Michigan counties are changing that by making vital records indices available online.

Years are listed where available.

County Indices

Barry County

www.barrycounty.org/Departments/Clerk.htm

Birth and death indices start in 1867; marriage index in 1839

Branch County

www.co.branch.mi.us/deathsearch.taf

Death index

Genesee County

www.co.genesee.mi.us/vitalrec/

Death index begins in 1930; marriage index in 1963

Grand Traverse County

www.tcnet.org/gtcounty/

Indices to deaths and marriages

Ingham County

www2.ingham.org/icors/clerks/

Birth, marriage and death indices

Macomb County

<http://64.9.117.153/Death.do>

Death index

Saginaw County

www.saginawcounty.com/clerk/search/index.html

Death and marriage indices, 1995 to present

St. Joseph County

<http://members.tripod.com/~tfred/death.html>

Death index, 1867 to 1929; 1997 and 1998 deaths

Washtenaw County

<http://secure.ewashtenaw.org/ecommerce/vital->

record/vrHome.do

Death index, 1960 to present; marriage index, 1965 to present

Western Michigan Genealogy Society's Kent County Marriages Index

<http://genweb.wmgs.org/AboutKentCountyMarriages.html>

1849 to 1929

Statewide Indices

GENDIS

www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/gendisx/search2.htm

Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing System: Contains information from 81,540 Michigan death records from 1867-1897

Illinois State Archives Records

www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html

Statewide death and marriage indices, as well as local records and Illinois veterans records

Maine State Archives: Deaths

http://portalx.bisoex.state.me.us/pls/archives_mhsf/archdev.death_archive.search_form

Index for 1960 to 1996

Maine State Archives: Marriages

http://portalx.bisoex.state.me.us/pls/archives_mhsf/archdev.marriage_archive.search_form

Index for 1892 to 1996 (There is a gap from 1967 to 1976.)

Remember, the following Michigan vital records and indices are available on microfilm at the Library of Michigan:

Births	Index 1867-1915
Deaths	Index 1867-1914
Returns	1867-1897
Divorces	Index 1897-1969
Returns	1897-1922
Marriages	Index 1867-1921; 1950-1969
Returns	1867-1925

For additional online resources, check out Ancestry Library Edition and the Online Michigan Death Indexes Web site, www.deathindexes.com/michigan

New Downtown Location for the Vital Records Office

In early November, the Department of Community Health's Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics has relocated from its old Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard location to new offices directly across from the State Capitol.

The new address is:

Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street
3rd Floor
P.O. Box 30721
Lansing, Michigan 48913
Phone: (517) 335-8666 (business hours) and (517) 335-8665 (voice-mail)
Fax: (517) 321-5884
E-mail: sopocyc@michigan.gov (for information only)
<http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/>

Vital Records will still have walk-in service at the new location, with hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Same-day service orders should be in by at least 3 p.m. to process them the same day. Vital Records suggests that, if possible, same-day orders be placed in the morning, with the requestor returning to pick them up in the afternoon.

The Vital Records Division will not accept telephone, fax or e-mail orders for vital records, only orders by mail or its online order forms.

One important note – there will be no free or validated parking in the new location. There is parking, for a fee, at the city-run ramps downtown or at parking meters.

The relocation of the Department of Community Health was part of a long-range state plan to consolidate government services.

A Soldier's Life Now on Duty at Michigan Historical Museum

In 1796, the first American troops arrived in Michigan to raise the Stars and Stripes over Fort Lernoult at Detroit. Ever since, men and women from every branch of military service have worked and trained here in the Great Lakes state. Now their story is being told in A Soldier's Life, a special exhibit running through June 11, 2006 at the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing.

Through artifacts, graphics and interactive programs, the exhibit takes a look at the daily lives of troops living at various Michigan military posts – how they have changed over the past 200 years and how some things have stayed remarkably the same. Visitors can follow changes in missions,

daily jobs, food, shelter, uniforms, recreation, housing and technology during the past two centuries, as well as play a drum, use a washboard and carry gear just like our service men and women have. A Soldier's Life also examines how technological support from Michigan-based military installations and industries impacts today's citizen-soldiers.

Key artifacts include a decorated hat worn by a militia officer during the War of 1812, a World War I gas mask, World War II K-rations, and a modern-day armor door, developed in Michigan, that provides increased protection for soldiers. Each major time period and each branch of military service – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard – are represented in the exhibit, as are major military forts and posts.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located alongside the Library of Michigan in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

New Canadian Family History TV Series Wants to Hear Your Stories

History Television (Canada) is creating an exciting new series about family history. This is your opportunity to share your stories, your research and your research challenges. If your story, research or question is chosen, it could appear on *Ancestors in the Attic*.

Were your ancestors sheep thieves or war heroes, saints or sinners, or something quite unexpected? Are there family secrets you would still like to unlock or legends that you have already untangled? Let *Ancestors in the Attic* help you solve your dramatic, personal family mysteries or feature the stories you have already uncovered.

Whether you're a historical researcher or a family historian, *Ancestors in the Attic* would like to hear about astonishing stories with a Canadian connection that you have already unearthed.

Discover more on the History Television Web site at www.history.ca or go directly to the *Ancestors in the Attic* page at www.history.ca/microsites/ancestorssearch/default.asp.

In 500 words or less, tell *Ancestors in the Attic* about your story and briefly outline the evidence you have gathered in your research. Send all information to Ancestors.Search@allianceatlantis.com.

Permission granted to share this message with others.

Survey of Family History Researchers

In an effort to better understand and to better serve our diverse group of researchers, the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries is conducting a short user survey. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. The Library of Michigan will be collecting survey responses until Feb. 28, 2006. You may access the user survey form at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=302081665811>.

Publisher's Note:

The Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) electronically publishes *Michigan Genealogist* on a quarterly basis. It is intended to provide family history-related information to interested researchers and to inform readers about resources found in the Library of Michigan, State Archives of Michigan and other HAL departments.



We encourage wide distribution of this newsletter and invite readers to share it with their friends, families and fellow researchers. We have made every effort to provide accurate information. However, the publisher does not assume any liability to any party for any loss or damage caused by errors or omissions related to any of the issues of *Michigan Genealogist*.

If you would like to be added to our list of e-mail subscribers, please contact HAL at librarian@michigan.gov.

Driving Directions and Parking:

Information concerning driving directions and parking can be located at the following Web sites.

Driving Directions: www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160—55205,00.html

Parking: www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19274_20001—,00.html

Research:

Due to the length of time needed to conduct genealogical research, the staff of the Library of Michigan and State Archives is unable provide extensive research services. Check the Library of Michigan and State Archives' Web pages at www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan and www.michigan.gov/statearchives for more information on policies and procedures regarding genealogical research.

Ask A Librarian:

Genealogy queries can be sent to the Library of Michigan at librarian@michigan.gov. While staff members cannot do extensive research, they can point you in the right direction and assist you in determining if the library's collection contains the information you seek. If necessary, the library's staff will refer you to a researcher or local genealogical society that will conduct research for a fee. Questions relating to the State Archives of Michigan should be sent to archives@michigan.gov.